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SPECIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO JAMMU AND KASHMIR
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jammu and Kashmir has been given special financial assistance every year than other States;

(b) if so, the special financial assistance provided during the last three years;

(c) whether the assistance provided has been utilised properly; and

(d) if not the reasons therefor and the effective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) : Yes Sir,

(b) : Apart from the Normal central assistance and assistance for other state plan schemes distributed according to Gadgil-Mukherjee formula, special assistance was provided to Jammu and Kashmir for filling up their non-plan gap and allow them to have a reasonable plan size. Details are as follows:

(Rs. in crores)

	`97-98	`98-99	`99-00
Spl. Plan Assistance	200	250	300
Spl. Central Assistance	850	850	850
Additional Assistance		400	

(c) & (d) : Central assistance for state plan allocated by the Planning Commission to states are released in the form of block loans and block grants and are not linked to any specific scheme. However, the expenditure incurred out of this assistance is subject to audit by the C&AG.